AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of gas at present available from Andhra Pradesh unit-wise;

(b) what is the quantity of gas supplied daily to the State for power generation; and

(c) what is the quantum of gas that will be needed daily for power generation in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The recoverable reserves of natural gas in K.G. Basin as on 1.7.1988 are 2.5 million cubic metres in the onshore region and 1.4 billion cubic metres in the offshore region.

(b) and (c) 0.4 MMCMD of gas has been committed to APSEB for their proposed gas based power project. They are expected to draw gas in the second half of 1989.

Spurious LPG Plant at Karnal

1305. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a spurious LPG plant was unearthed at Karnal recently;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure that the LPG refills delivered to the consumers contain the correct measure of LPG?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) All LPG filled cylinders are checked for correct weight and also cross-checked at the bottling plants before despatch to distributors. LPG distributors are also under strict instructions to ensure correct weight of LPG cylinders before making delivery to the consumers.

Steps to strengthen the Industrial base in Punjab

1306. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Punjab 66 Blocks out of the total of 118 Blocks are 'No Industry Blocks' as per the criteria laid down by the Central Government;

(b) what steps have been taken to attract greater investment in Punjab in order to strengthen the industrial base of the State; and

(c) whether certain benefits of backward areas provided to the border district of Amritsar have been extended further; if so, upto what date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) District as a whole and not Block, has been taken as unit for identification of No Industry District.

(b) The Districts of Hoshiarpur, Sangrur and Bhatinda have been identified as Category 'B' Industrially Backward Districts and Ferozepur and Gurdaspur Districts have been placed in Category 'C'. Amritsar District has also been allowed the facilities of Category 'C' as a special case. The entrepreneurs setting up industries in Category 'B' and 'C' Districts are eligible for grant of Central Subsidy at the rate of 15 per cent and 10 per